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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 292**

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**Introduced by Senator Wiggins**

February 15, 2007

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An act to add Section 75067 to the Public Resources Code, relating to urban greening, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 292, as amended, Wiggins. State bond funds: allocation.

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (bond act) authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to fund various public resources projects. Among other things, the bond act makes available the sum of \$90,000,000 for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. The bond act requires implementing legislation to provide for planning grants for urban greening programs. Not less than \$20,000,000 of the \$90,000,000 is required to be available for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978.

This bill would require the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Resources Agency to develop a planning grant program for local and regional agencies ~~and nonprofit organizations~~ to develop urban greening plans. The bill would require the planning grant program to comply with the requirements of the bond act pertaining to urban greening projects.

The bill also would require the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Resources Agency to develop a program of grants, rebates, and loans for local and regional agencies ~~and nonprofit organizations~~, that have an adopted urban greening plan, to implement urban greening projects consistent with the adopted urban greening plan. The bill would require the grant, rebate, and loan program to comply with the requirements of the bond act pertaining to urban greening projects. *The bill would require the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Resources Agency to develop guidelines by which nonprofit organizations may apply for grants to help implement an urban greening project in a community with an approved urban greening plan, and to develop guidelines for the approval of urban greening plans for purposes of receiving a grant, rebate, or loan.*

~~The bill would require a local or regional agency or nonprofit organization, that has an adopted urban greening plan, to be given priority for a project that implements the plan, when it applies for funds pursuant to certain provisions of the act, certain provisions of other bond acts, and the California Urban Forestry Act of 1998, if the plan meets all other applicable funding requirements.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to develop
- 2 conditions and criteria for expenditure of the ninety million dollars
- 3 (\$90,000,000) in funds derived from bonds issued under the Safe
- 4 Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River
- 5 and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 and made available for
- 6 expenditure under subdivision (a) of Section 75065 of the Public
- 7 Resources Code for planning grants for urban greening programs.
- 8 SEC. 2. Section 75067 is added to the Public Resources Code,
- 9 to read:
- 10 75067. (a) (1) The Secretary for Environmental Protection
- 11 and the Secretary of the Resources Agency shall develop a planning
- 12 grant program for local and regional agencies ~~and nonprofit~~
- 13 ~~organizations~~ to develop urban greening plans. The planning grant
- 14 program shall comply with the requirements of subdivision (a) of
- 15 Section 75065.

1 (2) To be eligible for grant funds made available pursuant to  
2 subdivision (a), an urban greening plan shall have the goal of  
3 bringing together multiple agencies and funding sources to develop  
4 a more integrated vision for projects that have multiple benefits  
5 related to one of the following:

- 6 (A) Urban forestry.
- 7 (B) Urban watershed management.
- 8 (C) Stormwater programs.
- 9 (D) Urban streams.
- 10 (E) Local parks and plazas.
- 11 (F) Joint public use facilities.
- 12 (G) River parkway development and improvement.
- 13 (H) Green public buildings.
- 14 (I) City sustainability planning.

15 (b) *(1)* The Secretary for Environmental Protection and the  
16 Secretary of the Resources Agency shall develop a program of  
17 grants, rebates, and loans for local and regional agencies ~~and~~  
18 ~~nonprofit organizations~~, that have an adopted urban greening plan,  
19 to implement urban greening projects consistent with the adopted  
20 urban greening plan. The grant, rebate, and loan program shall  
21 comply with the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 75065.

22 ~~(e) A local or regional agency or nonprofit organization that~~  
23 ~~has an adopted urban greening plan shall be given priority for a~~  
24 ~~project that implements the urban greening plan, when it applies~~  
25 ~~for any of the following funds and meets all other applicable~~  
26 ~~funding requirements:~~

27 ~~(1) Funds made available pursuant to the California Urban~~  
28 ~~Forestry Act of 1978 (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section~~  
29 ~~4799.06) of Part 2.5 of Division 4).~~

30 ~~(2) Funds made available pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section~~  
31 ~~75050.~~

32 ~~(3) Funds made available pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section~~  
33 ~~75065.~~

34 ~~(4) Funds made available pursuant to Section 5096.827.~~

35 ~~(5) Funds made available pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section~~  
36 ~~53545 of the Health and Safety Code.~~

37 *(2) The Secretary for Environmental Protection and the*  
38 *Secretary of the Resources Agency shall develop guidelines by*  
39 *which nonprofit organizations may apply for grants to help*

1 *implement an urban greening project in a community with an*  
2 *approved urban greening plan.*

3 *(3) The Secretary for Environmental Protection and the*  
4 *Secretary of the Resources Agency shall develop guidelines for*  
5 *the approval of urban greening plans for purposes of receiving a*  
6 *grant, rebate, or loan pursuant to this subdivision.*

7 *SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature to develop criteria*  
8 *that integrate urban greening projects with the requirements of*  
9 *subdivision (a) of Section 75065.*